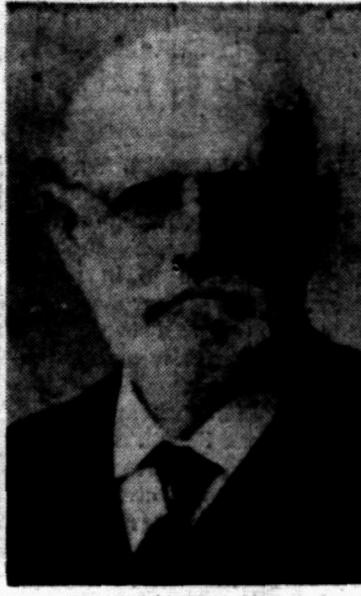
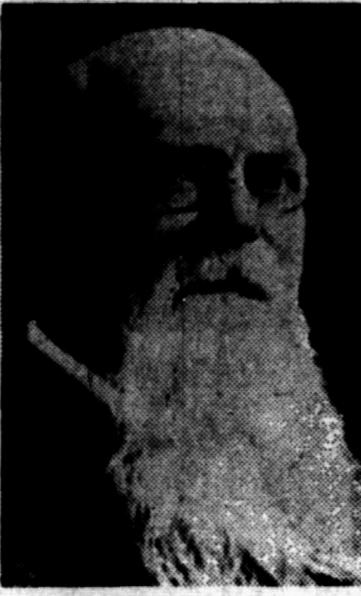


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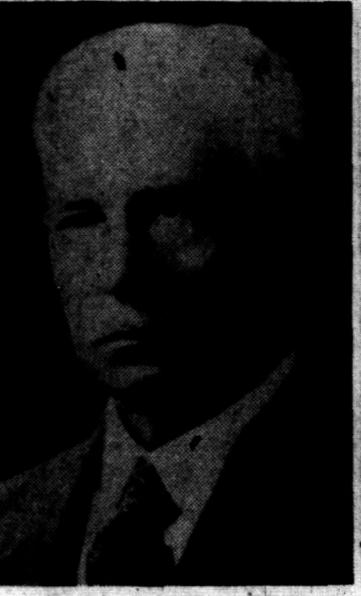
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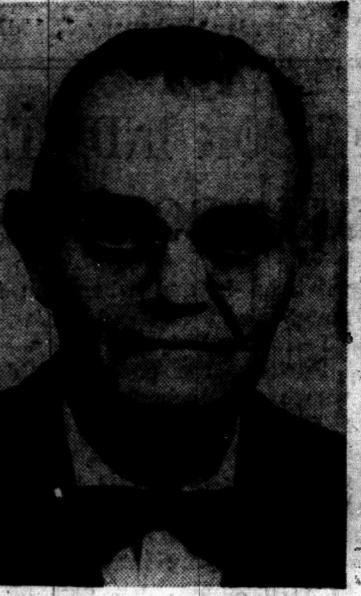
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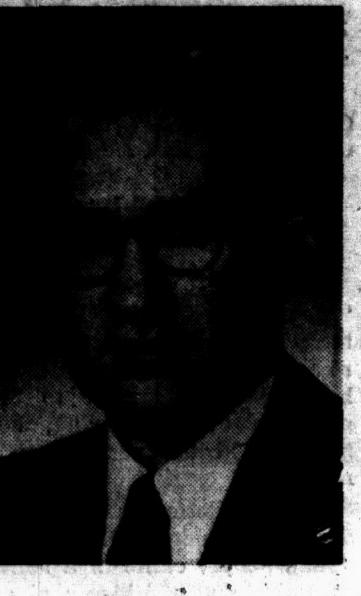
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SBC President Visits JFK At White House

WASHINGTON (BP) — Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, visited 45 minutes with President Kennedy at the White House.

The meeting was arranged by Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D., Okla.), who accompanied the Baptist leader on the presidential visit.

Hobbs explained that this

was an informal and personal visit with the president. He thanked the president for the strong position on separation of church and state that he has maintained.

Exchanged Books

The two men exchanged books. Hobbs gave Kennedy a copy of his latest book, "Christ In You," which is an exposition of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Kennedy gave Hobbs a copy of his book, "To

Turn The Tide," a compilation of the president's addresses delivered since his election to the adjournment of Congress in 1961.

Before leaving the White House Hobbs prayed with the president. He said that this is a custom he always follows whenever he visits public officials. The president autographed the New Testament which Hobbs carries with him and from which he preaches when he travels.

The purpose of Hobbs' visit to Washington was to make inquiry at the State Department about conditions in several countries in South America, Africa, and Europe.

On February 1 Dr. and Mrs. Hobbs will leave for a two-month tour of mission fields

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63 REDEDICATIONS RESULT FROM UNUSUAL AUTO ACCIDENT

Sixty-three young people rededicated their lives and the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Columbus, Sunday, Jan. 21 received a surprise treat because deer leaped into the path of an auto near that city on Saturday night.

The car was driven, incidentally, by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, enroute to a meeting in Dallas. Dr. Cauthen, delayed for auto repairs, went to worship Sunday morning at the local church.

Spotted quickly, he agreed to preach, resulting in the 63 rededications.

GRAHAM DENIED USE OF STADIUM IN S. A.

DALLAS (BP) — A groan of protest arose at the Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference when it was announced that Evangelist Billy Graham had been denied permission to hold an evangelistic service in Barranquilla, Colombia.

An Associated Press report read from the pulpit during the conference stated that Graham had been denied permission to use a city baseball stadium because the Colombia Constitution allows only the Roman Catholic Church to "propagandize" in that nation.

"That just isn't right," said Texas Baptist Evangelism Director C Wade Freeman, who pounded the pulpit with his fist when he read the story.

A special prayer asking God to intervene and open the doors so that Graham might have the freedom to preach the gospel was led by J. Woodrow Fuller, Texas Baptist state missions secretary.

Claimed Proselyting

The Associated Press reported that Mayor Ricardo Gonzalez of Barranquilla withdrew

permission for Graham to use the stadium because an advance group had been "proselytizing and propagandizing" for Graham's Crusade in violation of the Constitution.

The group had been distributing pamphlets and posting signs, the mayor said.

Graham, a Southern Baptist, later said that he would preach at Barranquilla even though he could not use the stadium. The meetings will be held instead at the Presbyterian mission.

"This could be a demonstration of Christian tolerance in keeping with the new spirit emanating from Pope John," Graham said.

German Rocca, a layman who helped arrange Graham's Crusade in Colombia said Gonzales' action was due to "pressure of the Roman Catholic Bishop at Barranquilla."

The Kansas City, Mo., Baptist Association wired President John F. Kennedy urging the United States to protest the Colombia mayor's denying Graham the right to use the stadium at Barranquilla.

The Baptist Record is this week observing its 85th birthday.

Authorized by the State Convention in 1876, publication of the paper was begun early in 1877, with the first issues appearing February 1.

The paper began in a small way, an outgrowth of the "Mississippi Department" of the Tennessee Baptist, but has grown to become a leading religious journal with a current circulation of 95,421.

The Baptist Record had its beginning in Clinton on the second floor of a building still standing and known then as the Gambrell House.

Had Eight Editors

The Baptist Record has had eight editors to guide it during its long and eventful history, beginning with Dr. J. B. Gambrell, well-known Baptist leader of his day and coming up to the present day with Dr. Joe T. Odle at the helm.

Prior to becoming editor in 1956 Dr. Odle was Associate Executive Secretary of the State Convention Board. Previous to that he had served two churches in the state as Pastors First Church, Corinth Springs and First Gulfport.

The editor serving the longest tenure was Dr. P. I. Lipsey, from 1912 until 1941.

Other editors were Dr. J. A. Hackett, 1891-1898; Dr. J. B. Searcy, 1898-1900; Dr. T. J. Bailey, 1899-1912; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, 1942-1956; and Dr. W. C. Fields, 1956-1959.

From its beginning the Baptist Record has had an interesting and eventful career.

The paper, while having maintained a continuous existence, has not always been owned by the State Convention but has changed location, name, and ownership several times.

Name Lipsey Editor

Soon after its beginning in Clinton in 1877 it was moved to Jackson, back to Clinton, then back to Jackson, this time in 1886 and into private hands.

From 1886 until Jan. 1, 1919, the Baptist Record remained under private control at which time the Convention purchased the paper for \$8,800 and elected Dr. Lipsey as editor.

The Baptist Record has remained under Convention control until today, when it observes its 85th anniversary.

The Baptist Record is operated by the State Convention Board, which elects all persons

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Dr. Joe T. Odle
Editor 1959-1962

Hospital Plan Approved

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Directors of Southern Baptist hospitals have approved a master plan of expansion and development for the hospital operated here by the Southern Baptist Convention agency.

The agency supervises the only two hospitals maintained by the SBC proper — Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, and Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Raymond C. Wilson, New Orleans administrator, presented the plan which will about triple total space for general patient services, ancillary services, education programs, special patient care areas and pastoral care facilities.

New construction, according to T. Sloane Guy Jr., executive

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Speaker Meets With Protestant Leaders

WASHINGTON (BP) — The new Speaker of the House of Representatives, John W. McCormack (D., Mass.) and four Protestant leaders exchanged views on legislative problems in a two-hour conference in his office.

The group included Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Oswald C. J. Hoffman, director of Public Relations of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, Dean M. Kelley, executive director of the Department of Religious Liberty, National Council of Churches, and Carl F. Henry, editor of Christianity Today.

Although the speaker repeated his position favoring a program of long-term low-in-

terest loans to private schools for the construction of facilities to teach non-sectarian subjects, he assured the group that he would not block education legislation for public schools that does not include such provisions.

The speaker insisted that he has always been equally fair to all religious groups and that he would not depart now from that practice after 25 years in Congress.

Position Explained

The Protestant leaders explained at length their position on separation of church and state as a principle to protect both the independence of the churches and of the government. McCormack agreed with them that the freedom of

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Alliance Officers Send Greetings

February 4, 1962

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we send fraternal greetings to the Baptist churches in every country of the world.

Around the world Baptists have come to observe the first Sunday in February as Baptist World Alliance Sunday. On this day we pray for one another and seek to examine our place of witness and service in the world.

May God grant that this will be a day of gratitude for the blessings of God upon our fellowship during the past year. We are grateful that many thousands have been won to Christ, and have been baptized upon profession of their faith in Jesus Christ. We thank God for every member in our churches who has grown in grace through Bible study, worship, and Christian service.

We rejoice in the fellowship of working together in evangelism and missions, and of ministering to those in need. The Baptist World Alliance has continued to

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For the South-Western Religious Luminary.
PROCEEDINGS
of a Meeting held in the Baptist Meeting House, at Washington Mts., on Friday and Saturday, 23d and 24th December, 1836, to consider the propriety of forming a Baptist State Convention.

In pursuance of the wish of many Baptists Churches and individuals of this State, and by the appointment of the Mississippi Association, delegates met to forward the above object.

Bro. N. R. Granberry, from Palestine church, Ashley Vaughn, from Clear Creek, R. G. Green, from Lexington church, and Brothens Lee Comper, S. S. Latimore, T. S. N. King, and L. B. Holloway, from the Besed Association.

Bro. R. G. Green was appointed Chairman, and Bro. L. B. Holloway was appointed Secretary.

Bro. Ashley Vaughn submitted the fol-

general interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom, particularly within the bounds of this State.

ARTICLE III. Any person contributing ten dollars annually to the Convention, shall be a member, or shall have the privilege of appointing a representative. Any person contributing thirty dollars or upwards, at one time, shall be a member for life, with the privilege of appointing a representative, as above; and any person contributing one hundred dollars, or upwards, at one time, shall be a Director for life; and every Church Association, or Missionary Society, contributing ten dollars, shall be entitled to one representative, and an additional representative for every additional ten dollars; but no person shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention, who is not a regular Baptist, in good standing.

ARTICLE IV. The Convention shall forth article be scrupulously preserved, and that notice be given of the contemplated alteration a year previous.

The meeting then adjourned, sine die.

R. G. GREEN, Chairman.
L. B. HOLLOWAY, Secretary.

THE CONVENTION

Ther. met, and was opened with prayer by T. S. N. King—Ashley Vaughn, President in the chair, and the Recording Secretary elect being absent, L. B. Holloway was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Convention proceeded to business. The following resolutions were offered, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of three including the President, be appointed to prepare an address to the ministers and members of our churches in Mississippi, setting forth the objects, plan of operation, &c., of the convention, and

sermon at the annual meeting, in May next, and N. R. Granberry his alternate.

Resolved, That bro. A. Vaughn be directed to have seven hundred copies of the constitution, address, and minutes, published in pamphlet form, and draw on the Treasurer for funds to defray the expenses.

A collection was taken up during the meeting, for the convention, amounting to near two hundred dollars.

Adjourned, to meet at Palestine, Hindman county, on Friday before the first Lord's day in May next.

ASHLEY VAUGHN,
President.

L. B. HOLLOWAY,
Secretary pro tem.

AN ADDRESS

To the Ministers and Members of Baptist

conventions.

15% Increase Asked

Fifteen per cent increase in Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions; 15 per cent increase in Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions; 15 per cent increase in tithes; 15 per cent in members.

Five-day observance of week of prayer for Foreign Missions, five-day observance of week of prayer for Home Missions, study of the auxiliary's history, study of "World Awareness," a new book in a study

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SEMINARY PROFESSOR INDICTS MODERN CHURCH PROGRAMS

NEW ORLEANS, La. — "Weak on theory, long on technique, the church has promoted but failed to provide. We have paid lip service to the principle of self-sharing, but have failed to exemplify our message."

These indictments of present day church programs for young people came in a semi-annual Faculty Address given by Stanley J. Watson Jan. 17 at New Orleans Seminary.

Speaking on "The Formation of the Self Image and Its Influence on Personality Development," Dr. Watson, an associate professor in the school of religious education at New Orleans Seminary, said that adolescence is a period of intense self development.

"Physical growth has a remarkable effect upon the emotions and the personality reactions of a young person," Dr. Watson said. "Through these reactions and emotional upheavals, however, the adolescent develops a concept of

Mobile to Host Music Clinic

NASHVILLE — Mobile, Ala., will be the site of the first Southern Baptist regional church music clinic of 1962, set for Feb. 12-13. It will involve the Mobile Baptist Association, church music department of the Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida state Baptist conventions, and the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Principle program speakers include Claude Rhea, Dean of the School of Church Music, New Orleans Seminary; W. Hines Sims, Secretary, and R. Paul Green, Recording and Choral Specialist, both of the Sunday School Board's Church Music Department; Keener Pharr, Superintendent of Administration, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board; and C. E. Autry, Director, Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, Dallas, Tex.

SBC President . . .

(Continued from Page 1) on behalf of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Hobbs' expenses are being paid by friends, he reported. They will return to the United States on April 2.

During the tour Hobbs will preach, confer with missionaries and conduct conferences with church leaders. President Kennedy requested that Hobbs convey his personal greetings to the groups to which he speaks.

4 Conventions Share In Confab

SAN FRANCISCO (BP) — Southern Baptist favor spiritual Christian unity, but have declined by vote to enter into organic mergers with other Christian groups.

This was an observation of Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, at a press conference here. The SBC president, and two other prominent baptist leaders expressed their views on various matters in the hour-long session.

Warner R. Cole, of Detroit, Mich., president of the American Baptist Convention, praised his group's missionary endeavors in The Congo and said relations between whites and natives there were in "a very healthy state."

Hobbs A "Gradualist"

Questioned by reporters, Hobbs described himself as a "gradualist" in connection with the integration movement.

D. Manning Jackson, pastor of El Bethel Baptist Church of San Francisco and a secretary of the National (Negro) Baptist Convention of America, indicated he favored integration immediately. He said he was opposed to "second class citizenship."

Jackson said he felt that "sit-ins" were justified, but he did not favor violations of the law by Negroes.

Hobbs indicated that he and Jackson agreed in principle as to the goals to be obtained. They differed on the best and most effective methods, mechanics and speed with which integration could be accomplished, Hobbs added.

what he is and where he is going."

Can Help Youth

Further, the adolescent develops two concepts of himself. The first is the ideal self or what he would like to become. The second is the real self or what he is at the present.

"By applying the principles of Christianity, we can help youth develop a Christian ideal self, which will become identified with the type of self giving love Christ showed for all mankind," Dr. Watson continued. "A Christian self-concept requires basic personal honesty that will force a youth to consistently realign his conduct as he matures toward his ideal self."

Speaker Meets . . .

(Continued from Page 1) churches must be preserved.

The Protestant group had no comment on the meeting other than to declare that it was a cordial and constructive discussion of issues facing congress, largely in the field of federal aid to education. They are confident that a better understanding of the Protestant concerns now exists in the Speaker's mind.

Senator Declares For Separation

WASHINGTON (BP) — Sen. Jennings Randolph (D., W. Va.), declares that America's educational system must be improved and that separation of church and state must be maintained.

The senator's remarks were made as he inserted in the Congressional Record a speech that he had made earlier to the American Affairs Forum at West Virginia State College in Institute, W. Va. His subject was, "Federal Aid to Education and Separation of Church and State."

Randolph (a Seventh Day Baptist) is a staunch supporter of federal aid to education as well as a firm believer in separation of church and state.

Three arguments for federal aid to parochial schools were answered by the West Virginia senator — national defense, discrimination and public welfare.

On the national defense argument for aid to all schools Randolph said, "to speak with all candor, the national defense is not involved here."

New Bill Asks For School Aid

WASHINGTON (BP) — Rep. James J. Delaney (D., N. Y.), who helped kill public school legislation in the congress last year because it did not include parochial schools, has introduced a new type of school bill in the house.

Delaney would authorize for a two-year period an annual grant of \$20 per school child, whether he attends public or private school.

In the case of children attending public school the money would be paid to the local school board. In the case of parochial school children the money would be paid to the parent or legal guardian. However, the check would be honored only when endorsed by the authorized official of the school.

Delaney's vote in the house rules committee last year killed President Kennedy's public school bill.

Senate and House Debate College Aid

WASHINGTON (BP) — Both houses of congress have college education bills scheduled for debate on the floor.

The senate will begin debate January 29 or 30 on S. 1241, according to Sen. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Senate majority leader. The House Rules Committee has cleared H. R. 8900, and the House is expected to debate it the last of January or the first of February.

Although different in many respects, both bills contain aids to private as well as public colleges.

The senate bill, known as the college academic facilities



SANSING SAYS GOODBYE — Rev. L. Gordons Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary, (at right) extends farewell on Friday of last week to three of the 43 Mississippi Baptist men just before they drove off for their Crusade to Arizona. From left: Rev. E. L. Howell, Brotherhood Secretary; Norris Stampley, layman, and Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor Daniel Memorial Church, all of Jackson.

Alliance Officers . . .

(Continued from Page 1) serve as a channel for aid to refugees and relief to the suffering. We have continued our efforts in behalf of religious liberty in several lands and have seen gains in some places, while experiencing setbacks in others. In the study commissions we have enlisted devout and thoughtful men to help us give an answer to those who ask a reason of the hope that is in us (I Peter 3:15). Though correspondence, personal visits, and through The Baptist World we have sought to keep in touch with each other and to know the joys and sorrows we face in the world today.

Most of all we thank God for the presence of Christ with his people through the Holy Spirit, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15).

May God grant that this will be a day of confession of our sins. How prone we are to excuse our failure by blaming circumstances or by pointing to the failures of others. Much damage can be done to Christian fellowship by the assumption of our own infallibility and by hunting for the mote in our brother's eye. Crusading may become a substitute for cross bearing; denunciation may take the place of the ministry of reconciliation. May we learn to speak the truth in love (Eph. 3:15). No doubt we can uncover many individual reasons for our need of confession, and "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

May God grant that this will be a day of intercession. Let us pray that God will give strength to those who live under restrictions which limit the public manifestation of their faith. Let us pray, too, for those in easier circumstances that they forget not their dependence on the grace of God and their stewardship of God's gifts.

Let us pray for those who exercise political authority "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

"In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).

May God grant that this will be a day of consecration in which we place ourselves anew under the lordship of Jesus Christ. Such dedication calls for obedience (Rom. 6:18).

Fractional commitment to Christ will not do in a world which has flung down a challenge to the sovereignty of God and the lordship of Christ. Materialistic philosophies, ethnic cultures, and non-

Christian religious vie for the total allegiance of men. May we as followers of Christ never waver in the conviction concerning Jesus set forth in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Joao F. Soren, Rio de Janeiro, President

Jose Nordenhaug, Washington, General Secretary

Robert S. Denny, Washington, Associate Secretary

Erik Ruden, London, Associate Secretary

Leaders at Glorieta June 21-27 are:

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J. D. Grey, pastor, First Church, New Orleans, La.

Ray Summers, professor of New Testament Interpretation, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and John H. Williams, financial planning secretary, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

A youth conference will be held at Glorieta June 7-13 and at Ridgecrest July 5-11. Program leaders for these special meetings for intermediates and young people and their leaders were announced earlier.

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EDITORIAL PAGE The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper
Of Any Kind In Mississippi
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

PAGE Thursday, February 1, 1962

Fourscore and Five Years

The first issue of the Baptist Record appeared on February 1, 1877. Today the paper is eighty-five years old, and because there has been no anniversary issue in many years, we have chosen this occasion to review the history of the publication and tell something about those who have directed its destinies through these decades.

Conditions in Mississippi in 1877 were not too favorable for the success of such a venture as a new Baptist paper. Some other Baptist periodicals had been started but always they had died after a few years existence. Times were hard in the state which was struggling to recover from the tragedies of war and the reconstruction period which followed. Furthermore, there were some Baptists in the state who did not favor the effort, and others who doubted that it could succeed.

The paper had been projected by the Mississippi Baptist State Convention the previous July, and a committee of outstanding leaders had been appointed to find a means of carrying out the action voted by the messengers. Surely God was directing when the committee chose J. B. Gambrell to be editor. Already his outstanding leadership qualities were being revealed, and the passing years would see him become one of the most beloved leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention, the great Baptist Commoner.

Dr. Gambrell gave his wisdom, his common sense and his spiritual dedication to the paper, and by the sacrifices of himself and his family made it succeed. President Webb of Mississippi College, writing about 1883 said: "Very few of its readers know how much the Record is costing Brother Gambrell. Brother Gambrell has three boys that ought to be in school every day, but they have not been there for more than two years. They are in the Record office setting type. Without their labor Brother Gambrell could not support his family, and publish the Record with the present number of subscribers. Sister Gambrell edits the fourth page of the paper. She has not only had the care of a large family, but has been compelled to do a large amount of office-work—mere drudgery. She has put her strength and health and life into the paper." There were other men who shared with Dr. Gambrell in responsibilities for the management of the paper, and they, too, gave sacrificial service to it.

Men of equal ability and devotion succeeded Dr. Gambrell and his associates, and through the years, most of them have made sacrifices that the paper might live. But live it did, and through its entire history has rendered inestimable service to Mississippi Baptists. It has supported every program and shared in every advance that Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists have made since its inception, and its influence has reached far beyond the borders of the Magnolia state. The men who have directed the destinies of the paper since its very beginning, also distinguished themselves as pastors, authors and denominational leaders, both in Mississippi and other states.

The Baptist Record of today, with its large circulation, its wide influence, and its sound financial position, is the directed its publication in the past. Those of us who have the responsibility for producing the paper today, fully recognize our indebtedness to these men.

In this hour, when opportunities for a denominational periodical's ministry are almost limitless, and when the world's need for a positive gospel witness is so great, we rededicate ourselves to the task of making the Baptist Record just what God wants it to be. We are also striving to make the paper what those men who projected it almost a century ago, and those who have loved it through the years, purposed that it should be.

Guest Editorial

Selections from editorials by J. B. Gambrell in BAPTIST RECORD. (Quoted by E. C. Routh in LIFE STORY OF DR. J. B. GAMBRELL).

1877

A correspondent blamed institutionalism for declining receipts for missions. Dr. Gambrell wrote "The Baptists of the South threw out almost their whole power to advance the cause of education—to endow their colleges—almost forgetting their obligation to give the Gospel to the nations of the earth."

November 1877.

"The Mississippi Fair Association can lay no just claim to the patronage of the Christian people of the state till these objectionable features are removed. The gambling operations of the association are an outrage on the Christian sentiment of the state."

About 1880

"A sister writes us that she hands her Records around among her pedo-Baptist friends, and they all acknowledge it is a good paper, but complain of our highchurchism . . . The church established by the Son of God is higher, a great deal higher, than any established by mere man . . . The Baptist church is a high church, high in its origin, in its mission, in its character, in its destiny. But it is nevertheless a high church for lowly people."

April 1888

Dr. Gambrell's oldest son, Roderick Dhu, publisher of a prohibition paper, *Sword and Shield*, was shot down in May, 1877. The trial of his assailant was long and sensational and culminated in the verdict "not guilty". In an editorial the following week Editor Gambrell pointed out certain miscarriages of justice in the trial and concluded with these words: "We would rather stand, as we did a few days ago, with his stricken mother, over his grave than to have him again at home, a truant from the path of high public duty."

May 1891

The Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham had established the Sunday School Board. Dr. Gambrell had doubted the wisdom of such a step, and as a member of a committee appointed to study the matter, had signed a minority report urging delay in such a decision. Nevertheless the convention had voted to establish the Board. The following week Dr. Gambrell wrote in the Baptist Record:

"If we read the signs of the times aright the Baptists of the South, as represented by the Convention, believe they need to control and purvey their own Sunday School literature and manage their own Sunday School work. It is for that reason the Board exists and for the same reason it will doubtless continue to exist. We stated before the Convention met that in our opinion, the question should be freely and fully discussed in open convention and decided on its merits, for it is hard for us to believe that any question is ever settled until it is settled on its merits; and then whichever way it went, it would be the policy of the Convention and no longer susceptible of annual agitation. But some good brethren and Dr. Broadus among them,



FEBRUARY 11-17 is Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week. The name itself implies the purpose of the week. It provides an opportunity for each YWA to take an objective look at what it is accomplishing. It offers the church a special opportunity to gain new insight into the missionary purposes and activities of YWA.

Baptist Beliefs

By Herschel H. Hobbs
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Okla.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

The second coming of Christ is the "blessed hope" of the Christian (Titus 2:12). Varying positions may be held as to the detailed events accompanying the end of the age, but the fact of our Lord's return is abundantly and clearly taught in the New Testament (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50; 16:27; 24:3-51; I Cor. 1:7-8; I Thess. 4:13-18; Heb. 9:28).

In the first century, as today, many doubted His return (II Pet. 3:1-13), but "the Lord is not slack concerning His promise" (v.9).

Jesus taught much about His second coming. Negatively, He warned against false signs of His appearance (Matt. 24:4); false messiahs (vv. 5, 24); wars and rumors of wars (v.6); famines, earthquakes, and pestilences (v.7). The import is that men will mistake normal happenings of history as signs of His return. We are not to be deceived thereby. Life will go its normal way, until without warning He will appear (vv. 37-39).

Positively, Jesus taught that His return is an assured fact (Matt. 16:27; 24:44). The time of Christ's coming is unrevealed (Matt. 24:36). When con-

ditions are right He will come (Matt. 24:28). Only one certain sign did Jesus give, and this refers to condition not to time (Matt. 24:14). The time is hidden in the mind of the Father (Matt. 24:36).

Will Be Outward

But His coming will be outward, visible, and personal (Acts 1:11). The attitude of the Christian should be one of constant expectancy (Matt. 24:44). Jesus' coming is described as like that of a thief (Matt. 24:43; I Thess. 5:24). At a time when you least expect Him He will come. The early Christians lived in daily expectancy of the Lord's return (I Thess. 4:17). Some will be alive at His return. Each generation should regard itself as that one (I Cor. 15:15ff.).

At the Lord's return that will be the resurrection of the dead and the transformation of the living (I Thess. 4:13-18). Here Paul is thinking of those who are in Christ. The important thing is to be ready for His coming. The details we can leave with Him. For a fuller discussion see Hobbs, *Who Is This?*, chapter 10, and *Fundamentals of Our Faith* chapter 13.

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The Annual Preacher's Revival

The annual State Evangelistic Conference has been aptly called the "annual preacher's revival", for there is no other meeting of the year that so warms the hearts, calls to repentance, or challenges preachers to prayer and consecration as does this one. While it is open to all persons, and will bless every layman or woman who attends, the meeting is usually attended by a larger percentage of preachers than any other Baptist gathering of the year. We often hear a pastor speak of some great evangelistic conference of past years.

It is because of this deep and lasting meaning of this annual conference, that we look forward with keen anticipation to the Conference for 1962 which will be meeting at Gulfshore next week. Indications are that attendance records will be broken. Evangelism Director Gordon Sansing has planned an outstanding program with some of the best known and most loved preachers of the Southern Baptist Convention as the speakers. The conference promises to be a great period of preparation of the simultaneous revivals

The Baptist Forum

Russia and Religion

Editor:

I am writing regarding the article "USSR BAPTISTS FILL CHURCHES" in the January 4th edition of The Baptist Record. I believe according to documented material which I have that the AP writers are giving one-sided or slanted reports on religion in Russia. The Russian government does not permit young people's organizations or youth work in the few remaining churches in that country. They can have no Sunday Schools, no religious instruction for children, and no one under 18 can join the church. There are no religious broadcasts, no missionary activities, and no prayer circles or cottage prayer meetings allowed.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Brady, Pastor
Pearlhaven Baptist Church
Brookhaven, Miss.

The Holy Spirit

Dear Editor:

If you will permit me the space I want to make a public statement about my belief. I was converted at the age of 21 and while I was alone at night time, I surrendered to preach and served churches as pastor until 1930 and resigned my work because I could see my educational standard was not up to the demand.

I believe in the Holy Spirit to convict a person of his sins and lead him afterward about what to do to please God. Today I hear some good sermons about how to live and about how to handle the finances. I never hear anything about the work of the Holy Spirit.

I am not criticizing. I am honest in what I say. To me, the Holy Spirit is as much a person as God and Jesus. Why leave the important third person in the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, out of preaching and out of our lives?

It can't be done, and travel with God.

M. C. Durr
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Counselor's

Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

"SHOULD I CONFESS?"

QUESTION: I have done wrong in having a sex affair when I was younger. Now, when I am about to marry, I am faced with the question of whether or not I should tell

my husband-to-be.

I wouldn't want him to feel cheated. I feel that God has forgiven me and I have certainly learned my lesson.

Please help me.

ANSWER:

The question of whether or not you should confess depends on the answer to three other questions. Would your husband-to-be want to know? Would he find this out from other sources if you did not tell him? And would you feel guilty if you did not tell him?

In answer to the first question, a mature Christian man would not make an issue of this. So this would tell you something about how childish he is. If he would throw it up to you later, either do not marry him or do not tell him.

Second, sometimes gossip by the community or by relatives can do a great deal of damage to a marriage. So if this skeleton is ever likely to creep out of the closet, swing the door open wide before you set the wedding date.

Marriages cannot be built on deceit. But neither does being married mean that each must know everything about the other. Happy marriages are made by people who accept each other wholeheartedly without each demanding that the other be perfect.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th St., Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

planned in most of the churches in March and April.

Pray that God's presence and power will be felt at Gulfshore in next week's sessions, and that pastors and leaders from all over the state will return to their churches, filled with the Holy Spirit and ready to launch into the greatest evangelistic crusade the state has ever known.

Link Children To the Church

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have had it in my mind for a long time that we are not doing enough to link our children to the church. I am thinking especially of children up to 7 years of age. These are the formative years of life, and every parent should be much concerned about leading the little children to love the church. The churches are providing places for these little ones but many parents are not taking advantage of it. I am now near 90 years of age, and love little children and am glad they seem to love me. I want them all to know about God and the Bible.

W. A. Starkey
Eayetteville, N. C.

Magnolia Blossoms

By Riley Munday

"M. C. We Hail Thee, Our Dear Alma Mater"

Mississippi College ReVisited

It's changed—but it hasn't changed. That same old tug at your heart strings as you turn in by the old chapel takes hold of you. The friendly greetings of Choctaws and Choctettes stirs a deep nostalgia.

Taurus, the Ancient Bull who roamed these Collegiate Woods in the distant past shakes his head. The hair between the horns has been worn away by the verbal bombasts of many ecclesiastical skirmishes. There are scars in the tough hide of his soul. But there is bull to be shot and away he charges across the campus.

Ole Ratcliff (The Synagogue)
Ole Ratcliff, dear Ratcliff
The gall of Ratcliff Hall
Where the water fights
Df the Baptist Sprites
Made Methodists of us all.

You wouldn't know Ratcliff. Her face has been lifted, and her ministerial burden lifted, and the ancient syns of the synagogue are no more.

Ole Taurus's mouth fell ajar and agape on first glimpse of the new B. B. Rogers Memorial Student Center. Such a beautiful building with so many uses.

Mississippi Baptists should rise up in splendid unison and command Mr. Rogers for this living memorial. In this building, wholesome recreation will be planned and executed in such fashion that the alumni of MC will see the fruits of this project in the well planned programs for the Baptist young people in the immediate future.

Visited briefly with Dr. Lemore and some of his fine staff. No college in the nation is better manned and better staffed than Mississippi College.

So, say to the youth of our State. We have some of the finest and best Junior and Senior Colleges in the nation. But don't forget to tell them that there is always one that stands at the top. There will never be a greater than M. C.

"Staunch as a Rock at the crest of a hill."

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CHIPS AND WHITTLINGS

(This special column is found on the editorial page of the issue for April 4, 1878. We have chosen some excerpts from the column.)

We know several educated ministers who say gospel instead of gospel.

"As a rule, pastors have not all the business sense in the world, you know," — A. E. Atwater. Yes, we know to our sorrow.

"Do not stop my paper any more. I will always have \$2.50." But, you see, the \$2.50 must change hands to keep the paper going.

Baptist Record -- nel, including the editor. The Convention annually elects a Baptist Record Advisory Committee, which advises on editorial matters upon request of the editor.

Seen Many Changes

The Baptist Record has undergone many changes throughout its history and today has emerged as the "voice of Mississippi Baptists with a worldwide recognition and ministry."

Only three of the 28 Southern Baptist state papers exceed the Baptist Record in circulation and these three states Texas, Alabama and Georgia have a much larger Baptist population.

The paper has several distinctions. It is the only Southern Baptist state paper with a regular seven-column newspaper-type format. All the others are of the tabloid variety, with most of them classified as magazines and not newspapers.

Right-Flush Headlines

The Baptist Record is one of the few newspapers in the United States using right-flush headlines. The overwhelming majority use left-flush heads.

The Baptist Record is also the only one of the 28 state Baptist papers that gets no subsidy or assistance from mission funds. It is self-supporting and receives its revenue from advertising and subscriptions.

The large circulation of the paper is due in large measure to the Every Family Plan of securing subscriptions. This is a church budget plan whereby the paper is sent to the families in the church and the church pays monthly out of its budget.

The Baptist Record regular staff is composed of 10 persons. Twelve other part-time workers assist in addressing and mailing the papers each Wednesday.

Tuesday morning is "paste-up" day each week when the pages of the paper are turned over to the printer in cumby form. The Baptist Record is printed under contract by Thornton Publishers in Jackson.



BAPTIST RECORD'S FIRST HOME — The Gambrell house in Clinton, owned and occupied today by Mrs. R. W. Hall, was the first home of the Baptist Record where it was printed (upstairs) beginning in February of 1877. The house is located on College Street opposite the campus of Mississippi College.

Men Who Have Made The Baptist Record

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE EDITORS

J. B. GAMBRELL 1877-1891

A descendant of the Huguenots of France, James Bruton Gambrell was born August 21, 1841, in Anderson County, South Carolina. He came to Tippah County, Mississippi, as a very young lad. There he loved to hunt and fish and ride. Dogs were his first love until he discovered books. Two silver dimes from the sale of coon skins bought his first book, from a traveling salesman. From that date, he gave up dogs for books!

Gambrell was converted in a protracted meeting when he was 15.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he was in school at Cherry Creek, Pontotoc County. J. B. Gambrell was Robert E. Lee's personal scout during the War Between the States. A fearless soldier, he fired the first shot in the Battle of Gettysburg, and emerged from the army a captain.

Inside enemy lines, James Gambrell and Mary T. Corbett, a highly educated, cultured young Virginia lady, were married — on January 13, 1864 — at 1 o'clock at night.

The end of the war was nearing and people of the South were poor. The bride's dress was made of checked homespun. Gambrell and his wife rode on a freight train full of soldiers enroute to Mississippi. They rode the last 20 miles to their home in Tippah county on a wagon.

Pleasant Ridge Church, Tippah County, licensed Gambrell to preach in 1867. He was pastor at West Point and Oxford and Clinton.

In 1877 J. B. Gambrell was elected editor of the Baptist Record. As he preached in "brief and homely sentences," he wrote "pungent and pointed editorials."

Gambrell was backbone and mainstay of the Baptist Re-

cord for nearly 15 years, until December, 1891.

In 1893 he became president of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. In 1896 he moved to Texas, where he reached the apex of his unusual abilities.

There he became the foremost Baptist minister of the state, serving as superintendent of missions for Texas, as editor of the *Baptist Standard*, as professor at Southwestern Seminary, and finally as executive secretary of the Consolidated Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

J. B. Gambrell was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1917, and served as president for four terms.

James Bruton Gambrell died June 10, 1921, at Dallas, Texas.

J. A. HACKETT 1891-1898

Born October 13, 1832, in Crawford County, Illinois, J. A. Hackett moved to Madison County, Mississippi, in 1835.

Though he grew up under the influence of another denomination, he was baptized at Jerusalem Baptist Church, Scott County, at the age of 23.

When Civil War broke out in 1861, Hackett left Mississippi College (where he was a ministerial student) to join the Confederate Army. He was known in the army for his superb gallantry and for his loyalty to Jesus Christ.

Hackett was ordained to the ministry at Canton on January 3, 1863. After a pastorate in Yazoo County, he came to Jackson as pastor July 1, 1868.

Later pastores included Crystal Springs, Hazlehurst, and Clinton, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana (1877), and First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas (1884).

The first Mrs. Hackett (Anna Maria Storr of New Orleans)

died while Dr. Hackett had been married in 1869.

The widow, left with four small children, in 1884 married Mrs. Emma J. Gardner, an employee of the Home Mission Board.

In August 1867, he was con-

verted and joined the Pleasant

Ridge Church, Holmes County.

In 1876 he was ordained to the

ministry. Following his graduation from Mississippi College,

in the class of 1879, he married

Emma Moseley on July 13.

They lived in Goodman for five

years while he "superintended

a farm; superintended a high

school; teaching three classes

daily, advanced mathematics,

Greek and Latin; and served

four churches as pastor, one

Sunday a month each."

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey had eight

children, five sons and three

daughters.

Dr. Bailey (he was awarded

a D. D. degree from Mississip-

pi College) at different times

served as secretary, treasurer,

and president of the Baptist

State Convention, and for a

number of years as treasurer

of the State Convention Board.

While pastor at Winona, he

edited a paper called *The Ba-*

pist Layman. In 1898 he was

baptized at Mt. Vernon Baptist

Church, Newton County. He

was ordained in 1880.

From 1887 to 1896, he shared

his journalistic talents with

Arkansas and Louisiana Ba-

tists, serving as editor of the

Arkansas section of Tennessee's *The Baptist*, then as

editor of the Arkansas Evangel

(later called the Arkansas Ba-

pit Layman).

Until 1912 he worked in that

capacity, settling the paper on

sure financial footing. It was he who helped

raise the \$10,000 necessary to

organize the stock company,

Baptist Record Existence

Began In February, 1877

By Anne Washburn
McWilliams

"Congratulations upon the birth of that healthful child of your own, offspring of your last session, The Mississippi Baptist Record." Thus ran the verbal offering of the Committee on Publications, tender-

ed to the Mississippi Baptist Convention on July 2, 1877.

"Together with a vigorous constitution, bland smile, sweet prattle, a peculiar pungency, sagacity, and pertness, it is possessed of unusual wisdom for one of its age," the Committee avowed.

The "child" of the convention had been born that winter, its first issue appearing in February, 1877.

And now, in February, 1962, congratulations to the Mississippi Baptist Convention upon the 85th birthday of her "child"! The Baptist Record

is still healthful, vigorous, and growing!

For six years, (1870-1876) the "Mississippi Department" showed its face in the Tennessee paper, *The Baptist*. But advocates of "a paper of our own in Mississippi" had been incubating plans down through the years. At the 1876 session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson, they perceived that the time had come for their plans to hatch.

July 3, 1876.

In the Monday morning session of July 3, the day before Independence Day, 1876, J. L. Pettigrew, Chairman of the Committee on Publications, stood before the Mississippi Baptist Convention. As he read his committee's report, he started a ball rolling that has not stopped to this day. That summer morning, one hundred years (save for one day), after the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, Mississippi Baptists declared their independence! Now they would have a state paper of their own! Pettigrew appointed a Committee of Five to nominate a Committee of Fifteen to "work on the establishment of a state paper."

Dr. A. L. Goodrich was singularly devoted to the Baptist Record. He ate and slept and talked and thought" Baptist Record. When he traveled, he sold subscriptions. When he preached, he sold subscriptions. As he ate, he was thinking of new ways to sell subscriptions! From January 1, 1935, the beginning of his service with the Baptist Record, until March 14, 1956, the date of his death, the circulation of the Baptist Record grew from 4,001 to 89,227. He instituted the Every Family Plan of subscriptions. This was first mentioned in the Baptist Record on July 1, 1937.

Dr. Goodrich was active in press associations. He was twice vice-president and twice secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

At his death, he had nine years' perfect attendance record at Kiwanis Club.

Having lost his first two wives by death, A. L. Goodrich was married to Evie Landrum, WMU field worker, on August 31, 1937. Dr. Goodrich was the father of four daughters — Rose Ellen, Jean, Thyra, and La Una — and two sons, John Wright and Arthur LEON, Jr.

The latter died of rheumatic fever when quite young.

Dr. Arthur Leon Goodrich died of a heart attack March 14, 1956. At 64, he had been scheduled to retire in the fall of that year.

During his three years as editor, a typographical study was made of the Baptist Record. The format was changed, and the system of flush-right headlines was instituted. The Record is one of the few papers in the nation using this "open" style.

In 1959, Dr. W. C. Fields accepted the position as Public Relations Secretary, Executive Committee, SBC. He resigned as editor of the Baptist Record, to move to Nashville, Tennessee.

(Continued on Page 6)

JOE T. ODLE

1959

Born on a farm near West Frankfort, Illinois, Joe T. Odle is the son of a Baptist minister, Harry Odle. His father died while he was quite young. Joe's boyhood days were spent at the family residence, 402 South Cherry Street, West Frankfort. At 13, Joe Odle accepted Christ and was baptized at Second Baptist Church, West Frankfort. While a junior in high school he felt God calling him to be a preacher. He preached his first sermon at 15 and was ordained to the ministry two weeks after his 17th birthday.

Odle received his education at West Frankfort High School; Union University, Jackson, Tennessee; and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. In 1949 Mississippi College conferred on him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

His pastores have been at Orient, Illinois, during his senior year of high school; Galloway and Rossville, Tennessee; Barlow and Bandanna, Kentucky; First, Paducah, Kentucky; First, Crystal Springs, Mississippi; and First, Gulfport, Mississippi.

At Union University, Odle met Mabel Riley, daughter of a Kentucky Baptist pastor. The two were married immediately after Joe's graduation from college. (Both are graduates of Union University). To the couple were born a son and a daughter. Joe Thomas, the son, died while a third year ministerial student at Mississippi College, in 1955. Sarah, the daughter, a graduate of Mississippi College, is teaching in Memphis.

Dr. Odle has been very active in denominational work. He served as associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for three years, 1956-1959.

A gifted writer, he is the author of *Church Member's Handbook* which has been translated into three languages and has sold more than a million copies.

In 1959, Dr. Odle was elected to the editorship of the Baptist Record.

Important Dates In Baptist Record History

- 1877—Baptist Record begins publication.
1879—Baptist Record moves to Jackson for more advertising and easier distribution.
1880—Baptist Record moves back to Clinton.
1881—Consideration of moving Record office to New Orleans, decision left to editor.
1886—Fire destroys records and files. Record moves back to Jackson, now privately owned.
1887—Combines with Southern Baptist at Meridian, called *Southern Baptist Record*, published in Meridian, Gambrell still editor.
1891—J. A. Hackett becomes editor.
1898—T. J. Bailey raised ten thousand dollars capital, sets up Mississippi Baptist Publishing Company, which buys the *Baptist Layman* of Winona and the *Southern Baptist Record* of Meridian. Starts new paper in Jackson, *The Baptist*, J. B. Searcy, editor.
1900—T. J. Bailey becomes editor.
1912—February, P. I. Lipsey and J. C. Parker buy the paper and Lipsey becomes editor (Bailey sells his interest—61 shares of the 100—to them).
1919—On January 1, Mississippi Baptist Convention buys the Baptist Record for \$8,800 (for the equipment and the subscription list and the "books in the book room.") Lipsey becomes editor by the Convention.
1925—A. L. Goodrich becomes business manager.
1937—Every Family Plan begins.
1941—A. L. Goodrich becomes editor.
1956—Paper changes from tabloid to seven-column newspaper size.
1956—W. C. Fields becomes editor.
1958—Joe T. Odle becomes editor.
1962—Circulation: 95,421.
Number of personnel: 10 full-time; 12 part-time.
Printed by Thornton Publishers of Jackson.
Supported by: Subscriptions and advertising (no subsidy).

A. L. GOODRICH 1942-1956

Arthur Leon Goodrich was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goodrich in Wilson, North Carolina, on September 12, 1891. Very soon the family moved to Benson, North Carolina, and that was the place young Arthur called "home." Goodrich was graduated from Wake Forest College in his beloved "Tar Heel State" and from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He also studied at Vanderbilt University.

Skilled in oratory, he was a member of the National Champion Men's Debate Squad in 1912. He obtained a private pilot's license

GOALS OF STATES

TOP \$54 MILLION



W. Mark Moore

BEGINS WORK IN TUPELO

W. Mark Moore began his duties as minister of education at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, the first week in January. He moved to Tupelo from Jackson, where he was minister of education at the Daniel Memorial Church.

Moore, a native of Newton, is the son of a Baptist minister. He received the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and the M. R. E. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin is pastor at Harrisburg Church.



C.R. HAIRE has joined the staff of the Second Avenue church, Laurel, as Minister of Education and Music. He comes to Laurel from the South Side Church, Jackson, where he served as Associate Pastor and Educational Director. Rev. Tom F. Rayburn is pastor at Second Avenue.

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FOUR AGE GROUP AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES
(meeting Monday night and three times Tuesday)

1. Gradle Roll—Led by Dr. D. Lewis White, Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg

2. Nursery—Led by Cosette Baker, Director of Children's Work, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

3. Beginner—Carolyn Madison, Associate, State Sunday School Department, Jackson

4. Primary—Delores Baker, Editor of Primary Lesson Courses, Baptist Sunday School Board, Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tennessee

5. Junior—Jo Alice Haigh, Editor of ADVENTURE, Baptist Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tennessee

6. Intermediate—Bob Kilgore, Superintendent of Intermediate Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tennessee

7. Young People—Mrs. Allen B. Comish, Waldrop Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia

8. Adult—William A. Cox, Jr., Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

9. Extension—Mrs. Wilburn Buckley, Special Worker, State Sunday School Department, Jackson

10. Superintendents—John D. Alexander, Associate, State Sunday School Department, General Officers, Jackson

11. Pastors—Dr. Allen B. Comish, Pastor, Waldrop Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia

12. Education Directors—C. Winfield Rich, Minister of Education, Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

13. Kindergarten—Patsy E. Driggers, Elementary Director, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

(NOTE: Kindergarten Conference will not meet Tuesday morning) (Provision made for preschool age children during all sessions).

MISSISSIPPI CHURCH BUILDING CONFERENCE WOODLAND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON

MARCH 27, 1962

For Pastors, Music and Education Directors, Superintendents of Missions, Architects, Planning and Survey Committees, Building Committees.

Special conferences will be arranged with Committees, Pastors, Architects and others in the evening of the first day and until noon the second day.

Conference appointments (1 hour limit) should be scheduled in advance by writing Bryant M. Cummings, Box 530, Jackson 5, Mississippi.

Sam Shanko, Instrumental Specialist, Church Music Department, Nashville, will be available for consultation regarding organs and pianos.

Mississippi Architects will be guests at a dinner meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., Heidelberg Hotel.

NASHVILLE (BP) — State Baptist groups cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention expect to receive \$54,890,096 in total collections through the Cooperative Program this year. The sum was announced here by John H. Williams after a survey of state Baptist offices for budgets adopted at annual conventions last October and November. Williams is financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee.

Cooperative Program gifts—the undesignated funds churches provide to support their state and Southern Baptist conventions—are divided at state offices between state and Southern Convention work. The states voted, separately, to send slightly more than one-third of their expected cooperative program receipts to the SBC. The sum they collectively plan to forward to the SBC treasury is \$18,915,920.

1962 Budget \$19,013,500

The convention's 1962 Cooperative Program budget is \$19,013,500. Its 1961 Cooperative

Program receipts from state Baptist conventions came to \$17,715,140, nearly \$800,000 short of the 1961 budget goal, but still the largest yearly receipts in history.

Only three states still have what they call "preferred items" in the budget. Preferred items usually are administrative expenses deducted before the state begins sending receipts to the Southern Baptist Convention.

These states are Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. Their preferred items, individually, range from \$350,000 to \$380,000.

States sharing the highest percentages of their budgets with the SBC are Florida, Maryland and Oklahoma, each 40 per cent. Georgia, after administrative deductions divides the remainder equally. The SBC share is about 44 per cent of the total before deductions.

S.C. Sends 40%
South Carolina, not counting preferred items, also forwards about 40 per cent.

Bolivar Baptists To Conduct Mission Institute

A Mission Study Institute will be held on Friday night, February 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at First Church, Cleveland, for those who are to teach in the Schools of Missions throughout the association.

The Schools of Missions will be held February 25-March 2 with twenty-one churches participating. There will be a period of mission study each night followed by a missionary speaker.



John O. McMullen

Pittsboro Pastor Sees Year Of Progress

January 21 marked the first anniversary of Rev. John O. McMullen as pastor of the Pittsboro Church.

When Rev. McMullen went to Pittsboro a year ago, the church building was old and inadequate. He spearheaded plans immediately for a new educational building, which was complete and ready for service by the summer 1961.

Pittsboro, with a population of only 207, also has a Methodist church; the opportunity for growth seemed limited.

During the year church attendance has increased. Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, WMU and auxiliaries, have increased in membership and attendance. A new record system has been installed. Offerings have more than tripled.

In May, 1961, the new education building was put into service. Though not finished, it was needed for classroom space so much that for eight weeks classes were held in both new and old buildings.

When the final service was held in the old building in July, the new building was paid for except for the heating unit.

The present Sunday school enrollment is 119 with an average attendance of 81 (all-time high on December 24, 1961, was 125). The Training Union enrollment is 91, with an average attendance of 54.

The old building has been cleared away, some of it sold, and plans are ready to begin on a basement in the new building. The basement is already needed for additional classrooms.

Mrs. McMullen has been active this year at Pittsboro, too, teaching classes, playing the piano, working with the Junior choir, and serving as the pastor's secretary.

Every child needs to feel that his parents love and accept him for himself, just the way he is. — Chloe Holt Glessner in March Home Life.



MRS. CHARLES W. DICKSON, Southern Baptist Missionary to North Brazil, unties the ribbon to open the new apartment building for married students at the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, Recife. Named in memory of her father, Dr. E. G. Wilcox, missionary professor at the seminary for nearly 20 years before his death in 1940, the building was dedicated December 19.—Photo by H. Barry Mitchell.

Attala Pastors Pledge Support To Temperance Committee Efforts

Attala County Baptist Pastors' Conference passed a resolution January 15 expressing in no uncertain terms their opposition to the legalization of intoxicating liquor.

One of their group, Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko, is Chairman of the Temperance Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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million people?

Committee Of Fifteen

Monday afternoon, July 3, 1876, the Committee of Fifteen was elected. We can almost hear those venerable names ring from the rafters: M. P. Lowrey, C. M. Gordon, S. A. Goodwyn, J. L. Pettigrew, H. F. Sproles, W. A. Mason, S. S. Relyea, J. B. Gambrell, R. N. Hall, J. T. Zealy, J. A. Hackett, A. V. Rowe, T. G. Sellers, Dr. Robt. Kells, Capt. John Powell.

The Convention requested that their President, M. P. Lowrey, head the Committee of Fifteen. They also desired that he remain as editor of the "Mississippi Department" of The Baptist until a new paper could be established.

Lowrey did not seek to hurt the cause of the paper, but sincerely felt that Mississippi was just not financially able to support an organ of its own.

Failing to find pleasure in staying on a sinking ship till it is out of sight," Lowrey resigned the editorship.

The final "30" was written to the "Mississippi Department" July 22, 1876. For the farewell edition, M. P. Lowrey penned his colorful "Valediction."

"The subject of starting a paper in this state has been frequently canvassed," he wrote, "and several good brethren have favored it. At the late meeting of the Convention in Jackson, some earnest brethren seemed to feel deeply impressed that the time had come to start a paper and they succeeded in carrying most of those who differed from them over to their views."

In reality, the idea went over at the Convention without dissent, but Lowrey was disturbed. He felt that he could not be an active member of the Committee of Fifteen until they had given something more definite (particularly money) to go on.

Tennessee was charging Mississippi nothing for the use of their paper. To Lowrey, that seemed a good enough arrangement!

His "Valedictory" continues: "We are told that we must start a good paper or none at all — that a small, inferior sheet will not be acceptable, and that no paper at all will be preferable to an inferior one. And yet we were not provided with one."

Thus began an illustrious paper.

James Bruton Gambrell became the first editor, publishing the first issue of the Baptist Record in Clinton, Feb-

February 19.—Photo by H. Barry Mitchell.

The resolution declared, "We desire to commend one of our members, Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, and his committee for the work that they are and will be doing in the above connection, and to assure him and his committee of our whole-hearted support in connection with all efforts that are being made to maintain our prohibition laws in the State of Mississippi. We extend our help and cooperation to all officers who have the responsibility of enforcing this law and call upon them to discharge their official duty according to their oath of office.

a Dr. Winkler of Alabama who makes a salary of four thousand dollars a year who would give his time free of charge to editing the state paper, things might be different!"

His "Valedictory" was red-peppered here and there with a dash of satirical wit. He said, "Let those who voted to get rid of the 'Mississippi Department' and establish a new paper each bring one thousand dollars and lay it at the feet of the Committee!"

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-WHEN UNABLE TO SERVE

Get Ready To Live

By W. R. Roberts
Annuity Board Representative
Mississippi — S. B. C.

Life can begin at 65—IF. The IF looms larger as one approaches the rather arbitrary age limit of 65. As surely as death and taxes, every one is faced with a period in which he will be unable to serve. If one gets ready for this period, one can really live.

To get ready to live, one has to face the financial realities of life. Most of our pastors are furnished a home, a salary, and in many instances, are provided surplus food from the Church members. It's hard for a pastor to realize that all of these considerations will cease at retirement. Instead of accepting this as a fact of life and doing something about it while there is time, many become cynical and sour on society. A grant from the welfare department won't do much for one's pocketbook and less for one's pride.

There are many perplexing problems to be faced by the aged. Just losing the feeling of "belonging" is horrible. Not having to meet a schedule sounds good at first but eventually time passes slowly. Everyone, including the writer, needs to start planning for those slack years now.

Hope for Pastor

Perhaps the greatest problem to be faced is the problem of finances. The Protection Plan administered by our Annuity Board is the main hope for the

Retired Missionary Dies In Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — Dr. Alonzo Scott Patterson, retired Southern Baptist missionary, died Jan. 21 at age 76 at his home in Norcross, Ga. He had been ill for several months following a stroke.

Patterson was a missionary in Nigeria for 23 years before his retirement in 1950. Following his retirement, he led in the organization of more than 20 churches in and around Atlanta.

The Georgia Baptist convention presented Patterson a special citation last November in recognition of his work "in constituting new churches and keeping afame the missionary spirit."

Administrators To Retire

ST. LOUIS (BP) — C. E. Copeland, 70, administrator of Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, will retire March 1.

THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED

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GROUP LEARNING CLINIC

BELLEVUE BAPTIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TENN.

February 12-16

Keep This List Growing Those who are planning to attend the Group Learning Clinic are requested to send their names and addresses to the Training Union Department. This will allow people in various parts of the state to see who is going from their area and could be the means of minimizing travel cost for those who can arrange to travel together. These have been added since last week.

34. Charles Brannon, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson
35. Jimmy Davis, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson
36. R. W. Porter, Rome
37. Mrs. R. W. Porter, Rome
38. Mrs. Earl Hill, Rome
39. Mrs. Herbert Ratliff, Rome
40. Mrs. Floy Haney, Rome
41. Frank Canade, Rome
42. Mrs. A. A. Cox, New Albany
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—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Right Use Of The Lord's Day

By Clifton J. Allen
Exodus 20:8-11; Nehemiah 13:15-22; Mark 2:23 to 3:6;
Luke 4:16-20, 31-40

The Lord's Day is the fulfillment of God's intention in the sabbath. But Christians need to consider with seriousness the origin and purpose of the sabbath and God's direct command that the sabbath shall be kept holy. The Fourth Commandment was given in response to human need; it was also designed to preserve regularity in the worship of Jehovah. The Israelites were often faithless in their observance of the sabbath. At the time of Jesus' ministry, sabbath observance was legalistic and ceremonial. He himself was accused as a sabbath-breaker. However, he exhibited sabbath observance by worship and deeds of service and lifted it from the level of irrational regulations to positive devotion to the Lord.

The desecration of the Lord's Day has become commonplace even among professing Christians. It has become a day of commerce and pleasure. What can we expect in terms of God's judgment if we neglect the Fourth Commandment?

The Lesson Explained

Remember The Sabbath Day (Ex. 20:8-11)

The sabbath was holy, which meant that it was to be ob-

served in special recognition of God. The purpose of the sabbath was, first of all, to establish the day of rest. Man was commanded to work six days but to rest on the seventh day. There is necessity for rest on the part of every working person and thing. Another purpose in the sabbath was that it serve as a covenant sign between God and Israel (Ex. 31:13-17). The observance of the sabbath day by the Israelites was meant to be a testimony to the nations that they were people of God. A further purpose in the sabbath was worship. This is man's supreme need. One day in each week is meant to be a special time for persons to engage in spiritual meditation and communion with God.

Jesus And The Sabbath (Mark 2:23 to 3:6)

Early during his ministry Jesus was criticized, along with his disciples, by the Pharisees for sabbath-breaking. What the disciples did was simple enough—plucked heads of grain as they walked by the grainfields on the sabbath day, rubbed the husks off the heads of grain, and ate them.

The hypocritical Pharisees charged that the disciples were working by gathering food. Jesus answered their criticism by reminding them of David and his having done what was considered unlawful. Jesus implied that he himself was the true king of Israel, infinitely greater than David; and he then declared the principle that "the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath."

Jesus was in the synagogue on another occasion. His enemies were watching for every chance to accuse him. He knew their thoughts and motives. Therefore he asked them if it were lawful to do good on the sabbath or to do evil. In other words, was it better to do a deed of mercy or to observe a tradition, to save a life or let it be destroyed by coldhearted legalism? Jesus then healed the man with the withered hand.

The Lord's Day

Christians generally observe the first day of the week instead of the seventh as the Lord's Day. The reason is found in the resurrection of Christ. He arose on the first day of the week. Gradually, the practice of the early Christians to meet on the first day of the week became fixed. That day came to be called the Lord's Day. We may surely conclude that the practice of the early Christians was under the direct leading of the Holy Spirit. Their practice is recorded in the New Testament as a pattern for Christians of all the ages. All the spiritual values intended originally in the observance of the seventh day are equally preserved through the observance of the first day. Again, Jesus is the antitype of the sabbath. He is our rest. Through his atonement he fulfilled the requirements of the Old Testament system, and through his resurrection he inaugurated a new era of spiritual religion.

The right use of the Lord's Day puts spiritual values first. The Lord's Day should be used primarily for those activities which lead to the worship of God and to doing good in the name of Christ. In this context, Bible reading and prayer have a prominent place, worship in the church sanctuary has a major place, time for physical rest has an important place, fellowship with Christian

people has a worthy place, and ministries of kindness to the sick or lonely or destitute or lost have a demanding place. To use the Lord's Day for recreation or business or worldly pleasure or lazy idleness is a denial of the lordship of Christ and a sin in the sight of God.

The Holy Spirit will guide in the observance of the Lord's Day.—In our complex society we face many difficult questions about keeping the Lord's Day. Some work has to be done to relieve human need and serve human welfare. Some travel must be undertaken. Some economic activity is a necessary part of the complexity of modern society. Observing the Lord's Day properly is not living by a set of rules or regarding a list of prohibitions. Rather, keeping the Lord's Day is giving oneself so completely to Christ in worship and service that the world knows him to be Lord.



Rev. Frank Young
Licensed At
Van Winkle

Recently the Van Winkle Church, Jackson, licensed Rev. Frank Young as a minister of the gospel.

Rev. Young graduated from Snoqualmie, Washington High School, and then served four years in the United States Air Force. He is now attending Mississippi College.

He was recently married to Sandy Cheatham of Pensacola, Florida, who is also a student at Mississippi College.

Rev. H. A. Milner is pastor of Van Winkle.

N. C. Turns Down College Offer

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — North Carolina Baptists said "No, thank you" to the offer of a former Presbyterian College, now closed.

The general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina said it appreciated the offer, but felt it would be unwise to take on an eighth institution to support.

The convention now operates seven colleges.

A foundation last fall offered Baptists the old Flora MacDonald College at Red Springs, N. C.

Correction

The article that appeared in the issue of January 18, 1962, concerning the Hillsboro Baptist Church having built all their new buildings within the past six years was a mistake. It

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Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

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Aberdeen, First 501 156 1

Main 400 125 1

Mission 92 25 1

Antioch (Lowndes) 454 157 1

Antioch 222 100 1

Artesia 83 78 1

Belden 156 104 1

Bethlehem (Jones) 145 93 1

Bethel (Copiah) 130 60 1

Biloxi, Big Ridge 130 60 1

Boerneville, First 385 160 1

Main 335 118 1

Crestwood Mission 245 124 1

Main 318 119 1

Mission 25 15 1

Calhoun City, First 312 158 1

Canton, First 288 153 1

Carnation, Okolona 102 55 1

First 218 97 1

Cedar Grove (Greene) 148 111 1

Clarkdale, Oakhurst 641 188 4

Cleveland:

Calvary 225 96 13

Wade Street 152 113 1

Immanuel 108 80 1

First 364 96 4

Collins 219 154 2

Corinth, First 454 142 2

Columbus, First 528 161 1

Crystal Springs, First 73 24 1

Georgetown 97 65 1

Greenville, First 1012 355 3

Main 837 311 6

Greenfield 99 44 1

Chinese 77 33 1

Grenwood, North 314 96 1

Gretna, Emmanuel 226 99 1

Gulfport, Grace Mem. 295 102 1

No. Ward Chapel 21 13 1

Gulfport, First 944 402 7

Hindsboro 365 141 1

Holmesburg:

38th Avenue 258 121 1

Temple 554 225 3

University 132 45 1

Central 298 182 2

Main Street 893 456 1

North Main 887 391 1

Wayside 42 31 1

First 603 235 1

Hollandale 215 98 1

Houston, First 338 170 1

Indiana, Second 224 140 1

Jackson:

Robinson Street 327 156 1

Daniel 1951 481 1

Forest Hill 163 89 1

Highland 308 148 1

Malta Park 82 51 2

McDowell Road 225 124 3

Grandview 142 61 1

Alta Woods 864 410 5

Parkway 974 459 5

First 1709 548 2

Friedman 993 397 1

Midland Heights 181 111 4

Southside 264 136 2

Midway 299 136 2

Hillcrest 592 268 5

Crestwood 320 198 1

Calvary 167 628 1

Memphis:

Woodland Hills 31 41 1

Main 650 178 1

Deaf Mission 160 160 1

Kosciusko:

Parkway 136 44 2

First 596 122 2

Main 560 192 1

Maple 36 28 1

Laurel:

First 574 198 1

Elmwood 31 144 1

Plainfield 175 108 1

Highland 421 170 1

Magnolia Street 395 127 1

Second Ave. 378 165 3

West 411 146 3

Loyalty Beach, First 228 83 1

Main 351 104 1

DeLisle 53 25 1

Lyon 192 52 2

Roundaway 25 26 1

Magee, First 377 130 1

Locust Street 147 88 1

South 221 63 1

East 377 145 1

Meridian:

Highland 806 308 2

Fifteenth Avenue 776 217 3

Oakland Heights 304 208 1

Poplar Springs Drive 654 262 3

Calvary 472 164 1

Main 433 141 1

Fewell Survey Miss. 25 14 1

Poplar Springs Miss. 14 9 1

State Boulevard 400 158 1

Main 400 158 1

Hospital Mission



Rev. Harris Counce Jr.

Goes to Emmanuel

Rev. Harris Counce Jr. has accepted the call of Emmanuel Church, Grenada, to become pastor. Counce has moved to the new church field, along with his family.

He was pastor of the Holly Church, Corinth, for 4½ years. While pastor at Holly, Rev. Counce enjoyed a fruitful ministry. During his ministry with this open country church, there were 145 additions, 105 of these for baptism. A new auditorium building to house 175 in Sunday School was erected. A central heating system was recently completed. Counce attended Northeast Mississippi Jr. College and Blue Mountain College before earning a B.A. Degree from Mississippi College.

He was ordained to the ministry at Tate Street Church, Corinth, on August 19, 1953. His first pastorate was South Corinth Church, from the time it was a mission, until he resigned to go to Mississippi College in September 1955. In October 1955, Wayside Church in Yalobusha County called Rev. Counce and he served there until his resignation to become pastor of Holly Church, Corinth, in July, 1957.

Rev. Counce is married to the former Mary Ida Miller of Corinth; they have five children — Nancy, Netia, Nebra, Nenna and Nandra.

—DEVOTIONAL

Who Are You?

By Rev. Harold Kitchings, Pastor,
University Church, Hattiesburg

In response to the above question, a red-headed, freckled-faced Junior boy at R. A. camp at Gulfshore responded, "I'm a boy!" Another response was: "I'm my father's son!" And still a third reply was: "I'm Christian!" The first boy wanted all the world to know that he was distinctly different from a girl. The second lad was obviously proud of his dad. The third young man wanted it clearly understood that his identity was to be found in Jesus Christ.

But, who are you? Have you paused long enough to stop and consider who you really are? Are you afraid to examine your true self because, deep in your heart, you are fearful of what you will discover?

The Apostle Paul, is writing to the Christians at Corinth, has offered four categories by which one may discover his real person.

I. There is the public you. You are known according to the judgment of the general public. But the casual acquaintance may be judging you by a false set of standards; thus his evaluation would be in error. This is the shallow way to discover oneself.

II. There is the private you. You are judged by your friends, your companions at work and by your loved ones. This is a more accurate test of one's true self because one is known so much more intimately by these. But one can sometimes deceive those closest to him.

III. There is the personal you. If you have enough strength of character, you will examine your own life and come to know yourself. This is the manly thing to do. Can you tolerate yourself? But one can hardly depend upon his judgment of himself to be objective enough.

IV. There is the real you. The real you is discovered before the judgment bar of God. One can depend upon this criterion of measurement because the Lord knows all the circumstances, and because He alone knows all of one's motives. Yes, in the presence of the Eternal, one comes to know who he really is.

BAPTISTRY GIVEN EBENEZER IN MEMORY OF MRS. McCOOL

Ebenezer Church, Mississippi Association, unveiled and dedicated their new baptistry on a recent Sunday.

Rev. Harvey J. McCool presented the baptistry to the church in memory of his late wife.

Rev. McCool, a former pastor at Ebenezer, served there during the war years when Ebenezer came near to being disbanded because of Camp Van Dorn.

"Without the steadfast determination and leadership of a godly man like Brother McCool, we feel certain that old Ebenezer, the oldest Baptist church in the state of Mississ-

sippi, would not be in existence today," states the church clerk, Monette Gunby.

Rev. Ed Causey is pastor at Ebenezer.

Extension Center Begun In Ohio

CLEVELAND, O. — (BP)—Cuyahoga Baptist Association in Ohio has begun operating a seminary extension center in Cleveland. By this fall, the center plans to offer college credit through an agreement with Georgetown College, a senior institution of Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The conference will seek to answer vital questions which pertain to Southern Baptist Missions Service. Opportunity will be given for private counsel with experts in missionary affairs.

An opportunity will be afforded those attending the conference to see missions in action by visiting various mission points in New Orleans.

Among those who will participate are: Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Goldie, medical missionaries to Ghana; Dr. Audrey Fontenot, medical missionary to Japan; Dr. Thomas Halsell, missionary to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ichter, missionar-

ies to Brazil; Mr. Glendon McCullough, personnel secretary, Home Mission Board; Mr. Nathan Porter, associate personnel secretary, Home Mission Board; Dr. Elmer West, personnel secretary, Foreign Mission Board; Mr. Bill Cody, associate personnel secretary, Foreign Mission Board; Miss Mary Neal Morgan, Missionary to Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hodges, missionaries to Nigeria; Mr. Hugo Parkman, missionary to the Philippines, and Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, missionary to Israel. Those from the New Orleans Seminary to participate will be Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president; Miss Helen Falls, department of missions; Mr. Clifford Tucker, School of Church Music; Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., Dean of the School of Church Music; and Mr. Malcolm O. Tolbert, department of missions.



REV. CLAUDE H. FORTENBERRY, pastor, First Church, Kreole, is shown presenting the Standard Training Union Award to B. C. Rockwell, director. To receive this award, one-fourth of the Unions and Department must be Standard. "Now the Kreole Church is aiming at being an Honor Church," states the pastor.

Dangers Pointed In Seminary Address

NEW ORLEANS, La. — A deep concern with the distrust and suspicion and lack of the true Christian spirit exhibited within the framework of "what we glibly call Christianity" was voiced Tuesday at the mid-term commencement exercises in the chapel of New Orleans Seminary.

Speaking to the 45 candidates for degrees and awards, their families, and the faculty and friends of the Seminary, Dr. R. Houston Smith cited what he called "a growing lack of the evidence of love and forbearance and forgiveness."

Dr. Smith, pastor of the First Church, Pineville, and president of the New Orleans Seminary Alumni Association,

said, "There are too many self-appointed guardians of orthodoxy among us. There are too many people looking under too many chips for bugs that aren't there."

"The witch hunt is on," he declared. "It wouldn't surprise me if before it is over we revive the ancient custom of burning witches."

Presses Point

Pressing the point, Dr. Smith said, "If this country is ultimately overthrown by a foreign foe either from the military or ideological point of view it will probably not be primarily because of the strength of the enemy but because God's people have been living so far below their means in grace and goodness that they have lost confidence in one another."

"The Danger of Living Below Our Means" was the subject of Dr. Smith's address.

Citing the economic dangers of living beyond our means, he warned that living below one's means is a major tragedy. The tragedy is "simply the deliberate failure to attain to our potential and thus the inability to bring to bear upon the world of our day all we are capable of doing."

Dr. Smith also told the audience that "we live below our means in the material support we give to God's kingdom."

He chided Southern Baptists for being inclined to boast "of the great work we are doing and the rapid growth we are enjoying."

"When we read the objective statistics and discover that last year among the larger religious groups in America we were about second from the bottom in per capita giving it ought to take some of the wind out of our sails," he declared.

We can blame most of our troubles in our homes on ourselves: we are selfish.—V. Wayne Barton in March Home Life.

W. P. Sandifer Dies at 81

Funeral services for Rev. W. P. Sandifer, 81, retired Baptist minister and former longtime resident of Wesson, were conducted Thursday, January 25, from Bethlehem Church in Simpson County, with Rev. Enon Boyette of Fordyce, Ark., officiating.

He had been in failing health for several years, and died Tuesday, January 23, in West Monroe, La., where he had made his home with his son, Isaac Roy Sandifer, for the past 10 years.

A native of Simpson County, he had served pastorates in Simpson, Lawrence, Copiah, Lincoln and Smith counties, and after moving to West Monroe he served as pastor of a church there for a short time.

He lived in Wesson until the death of his wife, Mrs. Mintie Richardson Sandifer, in 1947.

His survivors are four sons, Isaac Roy Sandifer of West Monroe, T. A. Sandifer, J. W. Sandifer, both of Jackson, and Gilmore P. Sandifer, of Pensacola, Fla.; one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Stevens of Marathon Shores, Fla.; one brother, five sisters, 13 grand-children and several great grand-children.

Names

In the News

Mrs. John O. McMullen, formerly Beatrice Harmon of Pulaski, wife of Rev. John O. McMullen, pastor of Pittsboro Church, has been admitted to Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, to undergo surgery for a toxic goiter. Mrs. McMullen was admitted to the hospital Tuesday, January 23. She will remain in the hospital approximately 20 days.

Rev. Bob Alston, former pastor of Hathorn and Edna Churches of Jeff Davis and Marion Counties, is announcing his dedication to full-time evangelism. He has formed the "New Life for You" Evangelistic Association, with headquarters in Memphis "for the purpose of leading laymen to a more dedicated life in winning souls." He plans to hold weekend revivals, one-night speaking engagements, and church and county-wide crusades. Rev. Alston, student at Clarke College, may be addressed at 109 Oak Street, Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buice are guest teachers in the School of Church Music being offered this week at Calvary Church, Pascoa. Jack Buice minister of music at First Church, Oxford, has recently completed a record album. Mrs. Buice is also an accomplished musician. Other teachers for the various courses include Troy Sandifer, Mrs. Byron Mathis, Dr. S. D. Douglas, and Kenneth Jacobs.

Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Benfield, missionaries, are returning to the states for furlough following their first term of service in the Philippines. They may be addressed, Box 352, Ratikan, Okla. Both are natives of Caney, Okla.; she is the former Nima Lou Mason.

Rev. and Mrs. James O. Watson, missionaries who have served in Argentina for 10 years, are transferring to Paraguay, where he will be chaplain at the Baptist hospital in Asuncion. They may be addressed, Casilla 1194, Asuncion, Paraguay. He is a native of Nashville, Ga.; she is the former Frances Scott, of Union, S. C.



Becomes Pastor At Enterprise

Rev. Taylor H. Wallace, assistant pastor, First Church, Quitman, for the past two years, became pastor of the Enterprise Church at Enterprise on February 1.

A graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, he was formerly pastor of the Springfield Church, Morton.

He and his wife, Catherine, have three children, David, 13, Lydia, 10, and Sarah, 7.

E. F. Graeser Dies

Funeral services for Rev. E. F. Graeser, 62, who died Friday, January 26, at the family residence in Meridian, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 27. Burial was in the Noxapater Cemetery.

Rev. Graeser served as pastor Eighth Avenue Church, Meridian from 1940 until 1955 when ill health forced him to retire.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Miss Amelia Graeser; one brother, Rev. Paul Graeser of New Port Richey, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Doze and Mrs. John Bomerian of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; and Mrs. Douglas Thornton of Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada.



AND THE WORD ENDURES is a filmed documentary account of how an evangelical group of Christians live and worship in Communist Russia. This scene is a baptismal service at Moscow Baptist Church. "The Answer" will feature "And The Word Endures" in Mississippi on February 4 over these stations: WLBT, Jackson, 1:00 p.m.; WTOK-TV, Meridian, 1:00 p.m.; WDSY-TV, New Orleans, 11:30 a.m.; WMKT, Memphis, 8:30 a.m.; WBRC-TV, Birmingham, 7 a.m.

E. A. Reiff Resigns Post

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)—Evan Ballard Reiff, president of Hardin-Simmons University for the past 8½ years, has resigned because he is "dead tired."

Reiff, 58, said he had been working day and night, and was too worn out to carry on the job as president.

"Hardin-Simmons needs strong, aggressive leadership," he said in submitting his resignation to the board of trustees.

connection with all efforts that are being made to maintain our prohibition laws in the State of Mississippi. We extend our help and cooperation to all officers who have the responsibility of enforcing this law and call upon them to discharge their official duty according to their oath of office.



DAVID PERRY has been licensed to the gospel ministry by the Bunkley Church, Franklin Association. He has served at Bunkley as Sunday school superintendent, Training Union leader, and associate pastor. Rev. Charlie Seale is the pastor.

Clear Springs Honors Daniel

Rev. R. H. Daniel, has resigned the pastorate of Clear Springs, Forest, to accept a new field of work.

The members of Clear Springs have adopted a resolution in honor of Rev. Daniel. In part, the resolution is as follows:

"Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel and Patricia have faithfully, loyally, and efficiently served us these past years and have built up all our church organizations. The church owes them a great debt of gratitude and love.

"We express to them our sincere thanks and appreciation for their untiring service. Our church has been blessed, our individual lives have been made richer, and our spiritual outlook deepened by their labors among us. Our prayers, good wishes, friendship, and love go with them in their new field of work."

Emphasis On Christian Higher Education Set

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP)—Southern Baptist churches during February planned an emphasis on Christian higher education, using material published by the convention's education commission in Nashville, Tenn. Executive Secretary Rabun L. Brantley said the material included a pamphlet, "Your Future and the Christian College," and similar items to help high school students select a Baptist college.